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TITLE: POLYASPARTIC ACID )  
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DETERMINATION BY )  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing their response so that the AMENDMENT filed simultaneously with this Petition will be considered timely filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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